Michigan Department of Education NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Education will conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the following proposed administrative rules:

- Transportation of Nonpublic School Children (2012-04 ED)
- State Aid for Transportation of School Children (2012-05 ED)
- Critical Health Problems Education Program (2012-015 ED)
- Teacher Tenure General Rules (2012-018 ED)

The rules governing **Transportation of Nonpublic School Children** are promulgated by authority of the superintendent of public instruction by section 1322 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1322 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-6 and 1996-7, MCL 388.993 and MCL 388.994. The proposed rules would update obsolete language to reflect current practices.

The rules governing **State Aid for Transportation of School Children** are promulgated by authority of the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1701 and 1703 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1701 and MCL 380.1703 and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-6 and 1996-7, MCL 388.993 and MCL 388.994. The proposed rules would update obsolete language to reflect current practices.

The rules governing **Critical Health Problems Education Program** are promulgated by authority of the Michigan Department of Education by section 5 of 1969 PA 226, MCL 388.385. The proposed rules would align with current national best practices and standards.

The rules governing **Teacher Tenure General Rules** are promulgated by authority of the State Tenure Commission by section 10 of 1937 PA 4, MCL 38.140 and section 63 of 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.263. The proposed rules would align with the 2011 amendments to the Teachers' Tenure Act's hearing timeline, provide for electronic submission of pleadings and documents and reduce the paperwork required in tenure cases.

The proposed rules are accessible on the Internet at www.michigan.gov/mde-publiccomment. These rules are published in the May 15, 2012, Michigan Register. The rules are proposed to take effect upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

The public hearing will be held on the proposed rules on **Wednesday**, **May 16**, **2012**, **10:00 a.m. - Noon** at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lake Superior Room, 1st Floor, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48909-7507.

Oral or written comments may be presented in person at the hearing or submitted in writing by mail, email, or facsimile no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2012**. All comments will be reviewed and considered in the final version of the rules. Comments may be submitted to the following:

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If special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearings, contact Janice Dixon at 517.373.4337 or email at dixonj5@michigan.gov by May 7, 2012.